

around you very soon, what they will not suffer from the long journey.
Mrs. Estlin was upon me
every day and I found it
hard to part from her.
Her husband does not
care about seeing me.
"I have seen her & Helen
- he said - he said some-
thing to that effect, &
implies that it is not
likely we shall meet!
I could write much
more, dear Mr. Garrison,
but dare not before a second
sheet; there are so many
notes to send off by this
mail. With love to you
I sail. Mary A. Ratten.
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to me to find a letter from you, as
we passed thro' Concord on our
return from Plymouth N.H. How
very kind of you to write yourself.
The account you gave of that sad
accident shocked & grieved me,
& tho' we ought as you say to be full
of gratitude that all the precious
lives were spared. Dear Mr. Mc-
Kim - so timid in a carriage at all
times, how to be thrown out there!
Poor dear Mrs. Walter Brown with her
sweet smile & pretty face to be wounded

in her mouth & cheeks! How I long
to know that she is recovering. I have
written to W^m McKim to ask about his
wife.

I am very glad you
have had Miss Greco's visit for her
sake as well as yours. She is indeed
a gifted & exemplary woman, full
of loving sympathy as well as of
executive ability. The only defect
in her perceptive power seemed to me
to lie in her inability to recognize the
change that has been wrought in
the nation by the abolition of slavery,
& to adapt herself to a corresponding
change in the mode of carrying ^{out} ~~on~~
the work remaining to be done. It
is very difficult to most people to get
out of grooves which years have cut
deeply. Miss A. Weston remarked once in

this connection. Perhaps we ought
to be thankful that one man has
been enabled to see clearly thro' the
dust & smoke of the conflict. And then
she dwell on Mr Garrison's wisdom.

Mr & Mrs May took me a delightful
trip to Lake Winepesaukee, Plymouth
N.H. &c. and brought me back ^{with them} to Leicester
on Tuesday night. I behaved to them
precisely as I did to Mr Garrison when
we went to Providence; ^{for} I had to stay
at Plymouth thro' Saturday & Sunday
while they went up to Franconia N.H.
A ride in a stage coach the preceding
day, when it was too wet to take the
boat, gave me a headache which
kept me in bed the next-day. But I
was quite satisfied with the excursion.
I enjoyed Sunday at Plymouth extremely.
The Hotel is beautifully situated &
most comfortable. And Mr White
of Concord with some of her family
were staying there, also Mr & Mrs Wm

Basnett of Lynn, so I had an excellent
opportunity of conversing with them.
Mr Basnett urges my going to Lynn, tho
like Mr Buffum he is tired by having his
house to receive guests in. Mr May
has kindly arranged to go to Boston with
me on Monday afternoon, for us to sleep
there & go out to Milton on Tuesday.
He will accompany me to Lynn on
Wednesday or Thursday if it fits Mr
Basnett & Mr Buffum. So it seems
doubtful whether I shall get to Roxbury
again to stay; but I am truly obliged to
you & Mr Garrison for your assurance
of welcome & I will come to you
the first practicable time. Miss
Eliz. Peabody has returned from Europe
writes to me from Cambridge wishing
for a meeting with me to converse
about Dr Monroe's cure for my friend
in Bristol. Mrs A. G. Browne expects
me to visit her at the end of next week.
I hope you will have all your family

around you very soon, tho they will not suffer from the long journey.